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REMARKS

Claims 5-6, 13, 15, 18, 23-24, 31, 33 and 35 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for finding these claims allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Applicant has amended independent claim 1, which was the base claim of claim 5, to include all the limitations of claim 5.

Applicant has amended claim 6 to make it an independent claim that includes all the limitations of original claim 6 plus all the limitations of the base claim.

Applicant has amended claim 18 to make it an independent claim that includes all the limitations of original claim 18 plus all the limitations of the base claim.

Applicant has amended independent claim 19, which was the base claim of claim 23, to include all the limitations of claim 23.

Applicant has amended claim 24 to make it an independent claim that includes all the limitations of original claim 24 plus all the limitations of the base claim.

Applicant has amended claim 35 to make it an independent claim that includes all the limitations of original claim 35 plus all the limitations of the base claim.

Therefore, because Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, 18, 19, 24 and 35 to make them independent claims that include all the limitations of their base claim, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to these claims.

Claims 1-4, 7-12, 14, 16, 17, 19-22, 25-30, 32, 34 and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0208429 of Bennett in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,064,976 issued to Tolopka. Claims 36-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bennett (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0208429 A1) in view of Tolopka (U.S. Patent No. 6,064,976) as applied to claims 1-4, 7-12, 14, 16, 17, 19-22, 25-30, 32, 34 and 39 above, and further in view of Lang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,694,007 B2). As expressed in the remarks

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above, Applicant has amended claim 1, which was the base claim of claim 5, to include all the limitations of claim 5. Each of the other rejected claims depends, either directly or indirectly, from one of the amended independent claims 1, 6, 18, 19, 24 or 35, which were amended to place them in allowable condition per the Examiner's finding that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections for the claims depending from independent claims 1, 6, 18, 19, 24 or 35.

Applicant respectfully asserts that all claims are now in condition for allowance and requests the timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner determines that a telephone interview would expedite the examination of this pending patent application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney at the convenience of the Examiner. In the event there are additional charges in connection with the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 50-0714/IBM/0014, as authorized by the below-signed attorney, in the amount of any necessary fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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